## NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

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**RULE §1.53(b)** 

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$\boxtimes$	Use Figure	s (Figs. 1-11; 11 sheets) are attached.  for front page of Publication.	
	A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.  This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No filed  (A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)		
$\boxtimes$	This patent appl	ication is assigned to <u>NIKON CORPORATION</u> .  ed Assignment is filed herewith	

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith. Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.

IMAGING DEVICE

A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.

Priority of foreign application No. 2003-007902 filed January 16, 2003 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119). A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.

This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

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SMALL ENTITY				
RATE	FEE			
	\$ 385			
x 9=	\$			
x 43 =	\$			
+ 145 =	\$			
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OTHER THAN A **SMALL ENTITY** 

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